

VISIT...

LANZAROTE
Caliente.COM

MUIR ISLE.

SOMEWHERE
OFF THE COAST
OF SCOTLAND.

I HAVE TO
SAY LAD--I'M
MORE THAN A
WIE BIT DIS-
APPOINTED!

THE FLATSCANS
I SLAUGHTERED
PUT UP MORE OF A
FIGHT--

--AND MOST
OF THEM WAS IN
A COMA!

OVER ONE
HUNDRED HUMANS
DIED IN YOUR
"GENETIC CLEANSING,"
SPOR--

--AND YOU
DARE TO
MAKE LIGHT
OF IT!

I'M AN ACOLYTE,
NIGHTCRAWLER--

--THERE
IS NAE MUCH
WE DON'T
DARE!



PHWWWW.

THAT WAS CLOSE.

PHOENIX? SHADPCAT?

I WANTED TO KILL HIM.

I-I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME.

HE DID, KURT-- SHAD'S POWER IS TO EMIT A PSYCHO-STIMULATORY PHEROMONE.

ACCORDING TO DR. MACTAGGERT'S STUDIES... THIS PARTICULAR ACOLITE HAS A DEATH WISH.

WHEN HE RECOVERS FROM THE PSYCHIC SHOCK TO HIS SYSTEM--

...HE'LL BE LESS THAN SLAYED THAT I MANAGED TO PHASE HIM INTO AN EPHEMERAL STATE--

--AN INSTANT BEFORE PHOENIX BROUGHT YOU BACK TO YOUR SENSES.

AREN'T WE WASTING AN AWFUL LOT OF COMPASSION--

--ON A GENETIC SUPREMACIST?

NU-UHH, I DON'T BUY THAT, KURT. THERE ARE OTHERS--

--LIKE US--

...AND THEN THERE'S EVERYBODY ELSE.

"THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD--" RACHEL.

SURELY, MY FRIEND, YOU DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS THAT SIMPLE A DISTINCTION?

PROBABLY
NOT.

BUT IT HELPS
ME GET TO SLEEP
AT NIGHT.

DR. MACAGGERT--

--I BELIEVE
THIS MAN IS THE
LAST OF THE STRAY
PATIENTS--

--WHO FLED
YOUR
PSYCHIATRIC
WARD AFTER
THE ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC PULSE
WAVE SHORTED OUT
THE ISLE'S SECURITY
PARAMETERS.*

AYE, KURT-- AND I'M
GRATEFUL EXCALIBUR
WAS ABLE TO RESPOND AS
QUICKLY AS YE DID T'OUR
DESPERATE PLEA FOR
ASSISTANCE.

THOUGH THERE'S
NO WAY YE COULD
NOTICE A
DIFFERENCE--

--I BELIEVE
WITH ALL ME HEART,
THAT THE YOUNG MAN
IS RESPONDING
POSITIVELY TO
CONVENTIONAL
THERAPY.

*X-MEN #25--SUDS

GREAT,
YOU'LL CURE
HIM--

--SO HE CAN
BE SENTENCED
TO LIFE IN
PRISON?

--I TRIED
PLAYING GOD
ONCE, OVER
NO LESS A
PERSON THAN
MAGNETO HIMSELF.

I
LEARNED
THE
LESSON.

THAT'S FOR
THE COURTS
TO DECIDE,
KADY...

A PERSON
HAS GOT TO BE
FREE TO MAKE
HIS OWN
CHOICES-- HIS
OWN MISTAKES
IN LIFE.

TO AN
EXTENT,
ANYWAY...

YAS--?!

WHO--?!



AFTER ALL--
THERE'S STILL
SOMETHING TO
BE SAID FOR
DOING THE RIGHT
THING.

WOULDN'T
YOU AGREE,
PROFESSOR?

CERTAINLY--
IT'S FOR THAT VERY
REASON WE'VE COME
ALL THE WAY FROM
THE UNITED
STATES--

--TO ENLIST
EXCALIBUR'S AID
IN REPRESSING
A MOST OBVIOUS
ERROR ON THE
X-MEN'S PART.

WE WOULD'VE
CALLED AHEAD,
PEOPLE-- BUT AS YOU'LL
DISCOVER, WE COULDN'T
RISK ANYONE LEARNING
WHAT WE HAVE
PLANNED.

IF WE COULD
STEP INSIDE AND
DISCUSS THIS...?
TIME IS OF THE
ESSENCE!

WHEN
PROFESSOR
XAVIER, JEAN
GREY AND
CYCLOPS COME
KNOCKING--

--YOUR
WISH IS OUR
ETC., ETC.,
ETC. ...

I SINCERELY HOPE
YOU FEEL THAT WAY,
KATHERINE...

...AFTER I
TELL YOU WHY
WE'RE HERE,
AND WHAT WE
PLAN--

--WHAT
WE
MUST--

--DO IN
ORDER TO
SAVE ONE
OF OUR
OWN.



YOU ARE RIGHT, OF COURSE, AND I...
APOLOGIZE, KATHERINE.

I'VE BEEN UNDER A BIT OF A TRAIN AS OF LATE, AND I FEAR I MAY BE TAKING IT OUT ON THOSE CLOSEST TO ME.

hmmph. FUNNY YOU SHOULD PUT IT THAT WAY.

I HAVEN'T FELT PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO YOU SINCE KURT, RACHEL AND I LEFT THE X-MEN TO HELP CREATE EXCALIBUR...

...AND IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BOTHER YOU AT ALL AFTER YOU RETURNED FROM THE BH'AR AND DISCOVERED WE WERE GONE.

--WHICH, IN AN EFFORT TO HELP MY SISTER, ADMIT I NEGLECTED TO ATTEND TO.

I AM NOT ABOVE MAKING MISTAKES, SHADOWCAT--

...ANY MORE THAN I AM ABOVE ASKING FOR HELP IN CORRECTING THEM.

ON THE CONTRARY...

IT HURT ME DEEPLY.

EVERY TIME I SEE A STUDENT, WHETHER TO GRADUATION--

--TO ANOTHER TEAM SUCH AS YOURS, X-FACTOR AND X-FORCE--

...THAT LOSS TEARS AT A PART OF MY VERY SOUL, BUT I WOULD NOT BE MUCH OF A TEACHER...

...A "FATHER," IF YOU WOULD...

...IF I DID NOT SEE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FIND YOUR OWN PATH.

EVERYONE, APPARENTLY, BUT PETER.

WHY?

BECAUSE HE'S THE FIRST ONE TO OPT TO JOIN MAGNETO?

BECAUSE HE IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE HEAD TRAUMA--*

*INFLECTED IN X-MEN ANN.#72--SUZE

YOUR HELP, KATHERINE...

...PLEASE?

IT WAS CREATED AS A
"HEAVEN" FOR MUTANTS--

--AND SITUATED,
ACCORDINGLY,
AMONG THE STARS.

...THERE IS ANOTHER WHO
HAS STEPPED FORWARD FROM
THE FLOCK IN ORDER TO CARRY
OUT THE WORD OF MAGNUS.

FOR THE THREATS TO THE MIGHTY
FORTRESS THAT IS AVALON COME
FROM MANY QUARTERS. SOME OBVIOUS...

...AND SOME
LESS SO.

--CAN
YOU HEAR ME,
PETER?--

--AGNETIC
INTERFERENCE--

--WANT TO
BE BY YOUR
SIDE... TO JOIN
YOU AMONG--

BRZZT!

--FIND
ANOTHER WAY!
AN ALTERNATIVE
TO THE--

SQUARRK!

I'LL BE WAITING
--ALONE-- HERE ON
MUIR ISLE. PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE ME
HERE, PETER...

AND WHILE THE WOULD-
BE MESSIAH KNOWN
AS MAGNETO IS NOT
CURRENTLY IN A
STATE WHERE HE MIGHT
LEAD HIS FOLLOWERS...

I THINK
THE KATYA I
KNEW WOULD
NEVER
BETRAY ME.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
RASPUTIN?

A HEART, I
SHOULD ADD,
YOU HAVE
PLEGGED TO
MAGNUS.

THAT SHOULD
GO WITHOUT
SAYING.

BY YOUR LEAVE,
EXODUS?

IF SHE SAYS
SHE WANTS TO JOIN
ME HERE AMONG
MAGNETO'S
CHOSEN...

...THEN I
BELIEVE
HER WITH ALL
MY HEART.





I GRANT
YOU ONE
HOUR.

BUT GO WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT
THIS WILL BE YOUR
FINAL CONNECTION
TO THE LIFE YOU
ONCE KNEW.

THAT, ALSO,
GOES WITHOUT
SAYING. KITTY IS
THE ONLY CONNECTION
I HAVE LEFT TO
MY FORMER
EXISTENCE.

I DO NOT
TRUST THIS
SCION OF XAVIER,
EXODUS.

YOU WOULD
BE A FOOL IF YOU
DID, VOUGHT.

PETER RABBITIN
POSSESSES A
TORTURED SOUL--
ONE WRECKED
BY THE LOSS OF
HIS FAMILY...

...PEOPLE
WHO MEANT
MORE TO HIM
THAN XAVIER
AND HIS BROOD
EVER WOULD
...EVER
COULD.

HE IS
SUFFERING A CRISIS
OF FAITH AT THIS MO-
MENT. MAGNETO KNEW
THIS WHEN HE INVITED
COLOSSUS TO JOIN
US.

WHETHER HE WILL
EVER TRULY EMBRACE
OUR WAY IS SOMETHING
WE WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL
HE SEVERES HIS TIES
WITH THE X-MEN IN
GENERAL...

...AND KITTY
PRYDE IN
PARTICULAR.

ONE HOUR.
AMELIA... THEN
BRING HIM BACK,
ALIVE OR NOT.



ELSEWHERE...

(CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA, TO BE EXACT...)

I have pinpointed the origination point, Nathan.

Muir Isle, Scotland.

I trust I should mobilize the rest of X-Force?

YOU TRUST WRONG, PROFESSOR!

I HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS WITH THE ACOLITES...

But according to the cross-referents, there exists a very strong interpersonal relationship between Katherine Pryde and Peter Rasputin...

— on a MULTITUDE of different time continuum variants.

TRUST ME, PROFESSOR— HE'S BEING SET UP, AS SURE AS MY NAME IS CABLE.

Technically, your name is Nathaniel Day Spring Askani.

-- ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR REGATE LEADER REDUCING ME TO A CENTER-FOLD IN SPARE PARTS QUARTERS! --

IN ALL LIKELIHOOD COLOSSUS IS BEING SET UP. XAVIER ENGENDERS TOO MUCH LOYALTY FOR ME TO BELIEVE HIS FORMER STUDENTS ARE DEFECTING IN DROVES.

WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH PERFORMING FOR YOUR AUDIENCE OF ONE, I WANT TO BOOTSIDE AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN GET ME TO MUIR ISLE.

-- COMPENSATING FOR THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE, OF COURSE.



AMAZING.
IS IT
NOT...?

...THE *AMOUNT*
OF TECHNOLOGY
DR. MONTAGERT
HAS AMASSED IN
AN EFFORT TO
HELP *UNDER-*
STAND--

--IN SOME
CASES
TREAT--

--THE
MUTANT
POPULATION
OF THE
WORLD.

REMEMBER, KURT--
MOIRA GAVE BIRTH TO
ARGUABLY THE MOST
DANGEROUS HUMAN
SUPERIOR IN RECORDED
HISTORY.

SHE DEDICATED THE FIRST
TWENTY YEARS OF KEVIN'S
LIFE TO FINDING A WAY TO
CURE HIM OF HIS GENETIC
ABILITIES.

THIS *SURGICAL PLATFORM*--
AND THE FACT IT CAN WITHSTAND
THE FULL BRUNT OF MY OPTIC
BLAST-- IS A *TESTIMONY*
TO HER DEDICATION TO THE IMPACT
PROTEUS *EXISTENCE* HAD
OVER HER.

ODD HOW EVEN
IN THE FACE OF
TRAGEDY, THERE
ARE OFTEN SUCH
WONDERS-- SUCH
MIRACLES-- TO BE
FOUND.

WE FIND
THEM WHERE
WE MAKE
THEM

I DON'T THINK
ANYONE
KNOWS THAT
BETTER THAN
YOU AND I.

BUT TELL ME--
ARE THERE
OTHER MEMBERS
OF EXCALIBUR?

TRUTH
TO TELL,
MEIN
FREUND--

--I DO NOT
KNOW IF THERE
ARE ANY
OTHER MEMBERS
OF EXCALIBUR!



CAPTAIN
BRITAIN AND
WIDDELL I FEAR.
WERE LOST TO A
CHRONOLOGICAL
WAVE--

--WHEN WE
WERE EN ROUTE
FROM RACHEL'S
FUTURE.

CERISE HAS OPTED
TO SERVE THE SHAR
EMPIRE. DESPITE THE
TRUMPED UP CHARGES
OF WAR CRIMES FILED
AGAINST HER.

MEGGAN HAS
BECOME LITTLE
MORE THAN A
CATATONIC
WATER NYMPH
SINCE BRIAN'S
RESCUE CAPTURE.

--WITH THE
LESS THAN
MAGICALLY DEPT
KIDNAP JOINING
HER. FOR THE
MOMENT IN HER
MIND, SHE'S
LESS STATE...

DO NOT
ASK...

KYLIN HAS
SINCE RETURNED
TO HIS SEARCH
FOR HIS
PARENTS--

--WHILE
MICROMARK
IS CURRENTLY IN
THE STATES
WEIGHING A JOB
OPTION...

...AS HEAD OF
SECURITY OF
A PLACE KNOWN
AS THE STRAND
CORPORATION.

"MUTANT" IS ANOTHER
WORD FOR CHANGE.
KURT--IT'S OUR ABILITY
TO DO SO THAT KEEPS
US GOING.

THAT IS KIND
OF YOU TO SAY,
SCOTT...

...BUT AS LEADER
OF THE X-MEN YOU
HAVE NEVER HAD TO
DEAL WITH YOUR TEAM
DISSOLVING OUT FROM
UNDER YOU.

YOU'D BE
SURPRISED.

WITH YOU AS THEIR
LEADER, NIGHTCRAWLER
--I'M SURE EXCALIBUR
IS MORE RESILIENT
THAN EVEN YOU
MIGHT REALIZE.

THERE WAS MORE
THAN ONE TIME THE
BOTTOM NEARLY DROPPED
OUT FROM UNDER US--

--ONCE EACH
OF US CHOOSING
TO GO OUR SEPAR-
ATE WAYS.

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE
KURT PUT ME ON PERIMETER
WATCH BECAUSE OF MY AWE-
INSPIRING PHOENIX
POWER.

BUT I KNOW
BETTER.

THE ELF REALIZES
I START ACTING LIKE
AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD
EVERY TIME I'M
ANYWHERE NEAR
MY PARE--

--ANYWHERE
NEAR SCOTT
AND JEAN.

WHEN ARE YOU
GOING TO GROW
UP, RACHEL?

MY PARENTS
WERE FROM ANOTHER
TIME-LINE ALTOGETHER.
THESE TWO OWE ME
NOTHING.

YOU CAN KEEP THE RAIN
OFF YOU, RACHEL--BUT
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO
CATCH YOUR DEATH
IN THIS WEATHER.

YEAH.

60?

WHAT DO
YOU CARE?

YOU DON'T
LIKE ME VERY
MUCH, DO
YOU?

IN A WAY, YOU'RE
THE CLOSEST
THING I HAVE TO
A MOTHER.

I ALWAYS
FOURED YOU
DON'T LIKE ME
VERY MUCH.

AFTER MY
"REBIRTH,"
I'LL ADMIT I WASN'T
THRILLED TO FIND I
HAD A TEENAGED
DAUGHTER FROM
ANOTHER TIME-
STREAM--

--BUT THAT WAS
MY PROBLEM...

ACTUALLY...

...I
LOVE
YOU.

...AND I
SELFISHLY
MADE IT
YOURS.

I'M
SORRY.



BUT THAT'S
NOT WHY
I CAME UP
HERE.

I'M ABOUT
TO DO SOMETHING
THAT MAY OR
MAY NOT HAVE A
PROFOUND EFFECT
ON YOUR LIFE.

IF IT WORKS
OUT, YOU STAND A
REALLY GOOD
CHANCE OF BEING
BORN SOMETHING
IN THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE.

BUT HOW IS
THAT POSSIBLE?
THAT WOULD MEAN
YOU AND GASTIN
WOULD HAVE TO
HAVE A KID.

AND THAT
WOULD NEVER
HAPPEN...
UNLESS...

...UNLESS...

--BUT MOIRA'S
SENSOR'S HAVE
DETECTED PETER'S
APPROACH!

WE MUST ACT
IMMEDIATELY--
FOR WE WON'T
GET ANOTHER
CHANCE.

I'M ON
MY WAY,
SIR.

YOU
MEAN--

THAT'S
THE
PLAN.

SO,
WHAT
DO YA
THINK?

I THINK
IT'S--

EXCUSE THE
INTRUSION--

GO GET
'EM... MOM.

"MOM,"
HUH?

WITHIN THE MINUTE,
EVERYONE HAS TAKEN
HIS PLACE...

NOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?

WASN'T IT
YESTERDAY I
STEPPED OUT OF
THE CAB IN FRONT
OF THAT MASSIVE
MANSION IN
WESTCHESTER--

--DETERMINED
I WAS NOT
ONLY GOING TO
SEE AN
X-MAN...

BUT I
WAS GOING
TO BE ASES.
PETER
RASPUTIN?

OR MS.
KATHERINE
ADAMS-
RASPUTIN?

OR KATYA
ANALOVITCH
RASPUTIN?

KIDS.

CHARLES, YOU PROMISED
ME YOU WOULD TAKE IT
EASY AFTER YOU USED
THE **REMOVING EXO-
SKELETON** TO CON-
FRONT MAGNETO.

WHICH IS
WHY YOU ARE
HERE, TEAM--
NOW, **SHUSH**,
PLEASE.

I AM
PICKING UP
COLOSSUS' PSI-
IMPRINT...

...PREPARE
YOURSELVES,
EVERYONE...

...HE IS
HERE.

JUST AS CYCLOPS
PREPARED, THEY'RE TELE-
PORTING HIM DOWN TO
EARTH USING VOIGHT'S TORN-
SUBSTANTIATION POWER!

KATYA?

OH, PETER—
I KNEW
YOU'D COME!
I KNEW YOU
COULDN'T ...

...POSSIBLY
HAVE ...

...CHANGED...

...THAT
MUCH?

"CHANGED,"
KATYA? NO—I
DO NOT BELIEVE
I HAVE CHANGED
AT ALL.

RATHER IT WAS
THE **WORLD**
WHICH CHANGED
AROUND ME.

CHANGED TO THE
POINT WHERE I
COULD—**CAN**—
NOT—BELIEVE IN
THE PROFESSOR'S
METHODS
ANYMORE.

MAGNETO AND
THE ACOLYTES WHO
FOLLOW HIM UNDER-
STAND THAT WE CAN-
NOT SIT **PASSIVELY**
AS THE HUMANS SEEK
TO SLAY US ...

...TO KILL **MUTANTS**
WITH THE SAME
SAVAGE IGNORANCE
WHICH TOOK THE LIVES
OF **MY** PARENTS—
SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY
GAVE **BIRTH** TO
MUTANTS—

--ANymore than
we can continue
to allow such mad-
men as my brother
and strive to visit
death upon our
genetic brethren.

IMAGINE,
KATYA, HOW
HAPPY I AM--

--TO DISCOVER
YOU HAVE COME
TO THE SAME
CONCLUSIONS!

AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE
FAIR SIDE OF MUIR ISLE...

Again, I apologize for the
inconvenience.

YEAH, AND YOUR
SINCERITY IS
JUST ABOUT DOZZING
OUT OF EVERY ONE
OF YOUR COMBAT
CHIPS.

YOU REALLY WANT
TO MAKE IT UP TO
ME? SCRN THE AREA
FOR HOSTILES AND
TRY TO COME UP WITH
SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS
ONCE I GET TOPSIDE

That may not be possible at
this moment.

Again, the electro-magnetic
pulse makes it considerably
difficult to —





ALLOW ME,
CABLE.

I RECOGNIZE
THIS ENERGY SIG-
NATURE, PROFESSOR
...WHICH MEANS THE
PERSON RESPONSIBLE--



--IS
PHOENIX!

SINCE WE'RE NO DOUBT GOING TO
SPEND THE NEXT **TWENTY**
MINUTES SLUGGING IT OUT, TO
KEEP YOU FROM **INTERFERING**
WITH OUR PLANS
TO **HELP**
COLOSSUS...

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO BE SO
FORMAL.

YOU CAN
CALL ME **RACHEL**
SUMMERS.



?!

Nathan--?

QUIET!

YOU
SAID
THAT--

--AS IF IT
SHOULD **MEAN**
SOMETHING
TO ME.

MAYBE...
BECAUSE IT
DOES!

THE ACOLYTES
DIE FOR
PERFECT,
KATYA--

--THE
ATROCITIES
THEY COMMITTED
UNDER CORTÉZ'S
REIGN WERE
UNFORGIVABLE.

"COMMANDMENTS"
PETER? LISTEN
TO YOURSELF...

"...YOU'RE
TALKING AS IF
MAGNETO WAS
YOUR OWN
PERSONAL
SAVING."

NOW, JERN--
GRAB HIM
PSYCHICALLY!

I WOULD...
DO SO
MYSELF...

I KNOW
THAT HE IS
A MAN OF
FLESH AND
BLOOD LIKE
ANY OTHER.

IF I
COULD.

BUT EXOPUS,
I AM CON-
VINCED WAS A
FIRMER GROSS
OF MAGNETO'S COM-
MANDMENTS.

--JUST AS I
KNOW HE HAS
LIVED AN ENTIRE
LIFE DEDICATED
TO HIS IDEALS.

HAD I BEEN AS
STRONG AS EXOPUS
AS HE-- PERHAPS MY
SISTER, MY ENTIRE
FAMILY, WOULD STILL
BE SAFE ON OUR FARM
ON THE LIST-ORDANSKI
COLLECTIVE.

NO
CHARLES.

NOT
YET.

WE TRIED IT
THE PROFESSOR'S
WAY, KATYA--

--NO ONE
TRIED HARDER
THAN I.

BUT DON'T YOU
SEE, PETER...?
IT WASN'T THE
DREAM THAT
FAILED YOU.

IT WAS THE
REALITY.

JERN, I
INSIST!

EVERY INSTANT
YOU REFUSE TO
ACT, YOU PLACE
KITTY IN GREATER
JEOPARDY!

I DON'T THINK
EITHER OF US
BELIEVES THAT,
CHARLES.

--EVERYTHING
HE HAS
ENDURED--

DESPITE
EVERYTHING
THAT HAS
HAPPENED--

...PETER
WOULD NEVER
DO ANYTHING
TO HURT
KITTY.

YOU--

--YOU ARE
NOT COMING
WITH ME...

...ARE
YOU?

NO.

AND I
CAN'T
LET YOU
LEAVE.

NOT
YET.

YOU -- YOU'VE
PHASED
ME...?!

...SO THAT I
CAN'T MOVE--
CAN'T ESCAPE!

I HAD TO
PETER-- FOR
YOUR OWN
GOOD.

DON'T STRUGGLE,
COLOSSUS-- WE'RE
NOT GOING TO DO
ANYTHING TO HURT
YOU!

THESE
RESTRAINTS
WILL ALLOW
US TO
HELP
YOU.

NO!
DON'T YOU PEOPLE
UNDERSTAND?!

I DON'T
WANT YOUR
"HELP"!

NOT AT THIS
MOMENT,
PETER-- BUT
SOME DAY,
I TRUST...

WITH THE SHACKLES
IN PLACE, COLOSSUS
IS UNABLE TO MOVE...

BUT HIS
EXPRESSION
OF RAGE--

--OF A MAN
BETRAYED
BY HIS LOVE--

...UNABLE
EVEN TO
UTTER A
SOUND.

...YOU WILL
APPRECIATE
THE EFFORT.

IT IS A SIGHT
KITY DENE WILL
REMEMBER...

...EVERY DAY
FOR THE REST
OF HER LIFE.

--SPEAKS
VOLUMES.



NOT FAR AWAY...

I DON'T
SUPPOSE YOU'D
CONSIDER LET-
TING US HANDLE
THIS MESS "IN
HOUSE"?

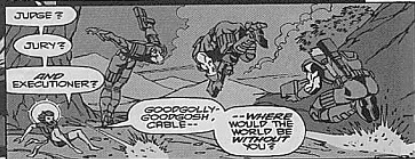


DON'T TRY
TO COMPOSE
THE ISSUE I PETER
MADE HIS
DECISION--

--I INTEND TO SEE
THAT HE DEALS WITH
THE CONSEQUENCES.

WOK!

BURNHIE!



JUDGE?

JURY?

AND
EXECUTIONER?

GOODGOLLY-
GOODGOSH,
CABLE--

--WHERE
WOULD THE
WORLD BE
WITHOUT
YOU?



TRUST
ME...

...YOU
DON'T WANT
TO KNOW.

BRK!

GUILTY BY
ASSOCIATION
IS IT?

ALL BETS
WERE OFF
THE MOMENT
CABLE'S
LEFT THE
X-MEN TO BE-
COME AN
ACOLYTE.

OR WASN'T IT
OCCURRED TO YOU
PEOPLE THAT HE'S
GOT HIS LOT WITH
A GROUP OF
HOMOCIDEAL RELIG-
IOUS ZEALOTS?

Burying her
under a ton of
rock?

SHE'S THE
PHOENIX!

A COSMIC
ENTITY!

WHY?

DID I OVER-
REACT? I'M NOT
BEIN' TOO TOUGH
ON HER. I JUST
KNOW WHAT I'M UP
AGAINST.

A tad.



HMMP.

ALWAYS
WONDERED
IF THAT WOULD
WORK.

NOW DID
SHE DO
THAT?

Apart from her responsibilities as vessel for the Phoenix power...

...it appears Ms. Summers is what will colloquially be referred to in our century as a "time tripper."

Possessed of the ability to propel herself along the chronological continuum —

--I PUSHED
MYSELF TEN
SECONDS INTO
THE FUTURE, TO
AVOID BEING
CRUSHED BY
THE ROCKS!

YOUR
COMPUTER
BUDDY IS
PRETTY SMART,
CABLE.

BUT ...

...THE
PROFESSOR
WAS ON AN
INTERAID
MOBIL.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO HEAR HIM IN-
SIDE MY HEAD!

THERE ARE A
LOT OF THINGS
I SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO DO.

IN FACT I
KIND OF PRIDE
MYSELF ON
BEING --

UNPREDICTABLE?!

YEAH.
SO I
SEE.



...AS OPPOSED TO
THE PROFESSOR,
WHO...

--FOR THE
MOMENT--

--IS AT A
LOSS FOR
WORDS.

01 00 00 11 01 01 01 00 11 00 11 00 11

I COULD
REALLY USE
A SENSOR READ-
ING HERE!

01 00 00 11 01 01 01

PROFESSOR--
SNAP OUT
OF IT!

01 001 Oh --my
apologies, Nathan.

the overlapping readings --
compounded with her tenuous
connection to our own symbiotic
relationship -- was disconcert-
ing at the very least.

as near as I can discern, Rachel
is... "co-opting" her personal
space in the time continuum
with... another entity.

AND
JUDGING
BY THE
COSTUME...

...IT ISN'T
TOO TERRIBLY
DIFFICULT TO
FIGURE OUT WHO
THE "OTHER ENTITY"
IS!

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU...
TALKING
ABOUT?

DIDN'T
CALL
YOU ANY-
THING...

It appears, Nathan
-- she has no clear
memory of what
just happened.

NOT
GOOD
ENOUGH
PROFESSOR.

NOT GOOD
ENOUGH BY
NAME.

I'm here...

Askani' son!

Find me...

...Help...
me...

WHA--?!

WHAT
DID YOU
CALL
ME?!

I'M NOT A BIG
FAN OF ANY
MYSTERY I'M NOT
AT THE CENTER
OF... RACHEL.

WHICH MEANS
YOU AND I
ARE GOING TO
HAVE OUR-
SELVES A MAR-
ATHON SIT-
DOWN UNTIL
WE CAN FIGURE
OUT WHAT
JUST HAPPEN-
ED.

FINE
WITH ME...
NATHAN.

FEEL
FREE TO
LOOK ME
UP...

"AFTER
YOU STOP
SEEING
DOUBLE!"

...ORMPH...

SORRY ABOUT
THE PSIONIC-
SUCKER PUNCH,
CABLE...

...BUT ACCORDING TO
THE STARRY THOUGHTS
I'M PICKING UP FROM
NIGHTCRAWLER, A
COUPLE OF UNINVITED
GUESTS ARE ABOUT
TO CHECK IN HERE
AT THE MUIR HOTEL.

ALL OF WHICH
PLACES YOU AND
YOURS ON THE
LAST RUNG OF
THE UNSOLVED
RIDDLE LADDER.

I am certain he
will appreciate
your priorities.

"PROFESSOR"...
YOU'RE STILL
CONSCIOUS?

On-line actually...
but that is merely
an argument of
semantics.

CAN YOU
EXPLAIN
TO ME THIS
CONNECTION...
I FEEL FOR
THIS MAN?

THERE IS A
GAP BETWEEN
US. I CAN FEEL
IT... IN MY
HEART.

IN MY
SOUL.

There are too many variables along the time continuum that must be analyzed before I could answer that question, Ms. Summers.

Either.

This can all wait for
another day...

"COULD"
OR
"WOULD"?



PETER... SON... I NEED YOU TO RELAX... TO TRIGGER YOUR TRANSFORMATION INTO YOUR HUMAN FORM.

... BUT MY WOUND...

IS HEALED, BUT THE TRAUMA TO YOUR SYSTEM WAS SO GREAT--

-- I DON'T DARE COMMANDEER YOUR THOUGHTS.

IT'S UP TO YOU, PETER.



TRUST ME.



ALL THAT FENT-UP ENERGY WITHIN HIM --

-- HAS BEEN RELEASED!



THESE READINGS ARE OFF THE SCALE!

KITTY-- GET CLEAR!



I'M FINE, CYCLOPS!

THE ENERGY HAS NO EFFECT ON ME IN MY PHASED FORM.

EVEN IF IT DID-- NOTHING COULD GET ME TO LEAVE PETER'S SIDE...

NOT UNTIL I KNOW IF HE'S ALL RIGHT!



'ALL RIGHT,'
KATYA?

I DO NOT
HONESTLY FEEL
I WILL EVER BE
ALL RIGHT AGAIN.

FOR
THOUGH
MY BODY
HAS BEEN
MENDED...

...I BELIEVE
MY HEART
MAY BE
BEYOND
REPAIR.

AND IN TRUTH,
I DON'T KNOW
THAT I'D WANT
IT ANY OTHER
WAY.



YOU DON'T MEAN THAT,
PETER--YOU CAN'T.

CAN'T
I?

DON'T YOU SEE--
DON'T ANY OF YOU
REALIZE-- THAT
IF I LET MYSELF
FEEL ANYTHING...

...IF I AM ANYTHING
LESS THAN THE COLD
AND HARD ARMORED
WARRIOR IN BOTH
FORM AND
FUNCTION...



...THAT I WILL
HAVE NOTHING
LEFT BUT THE
REALIZATION
THAT...

I FAILED
ILLYANA.

DON'T EVER THINK
THAT, PETER-- EVEN
FOR A MOMENT!



YOU DID
EVERYTHING
HUMANLY
POSSIBLE.

THE LEGACY
VIRUS IS
SOMETHING
YOU COULDN'T
CONTROL..



I'M HER
BROTHER...

...I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THERE.



I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THERE.

YOU
WERE
THERE.

IN HER
EVERY
THOUGHT.

YOU WERE
THE SMILE
ON HER
FACE--

--THE
LIGHT
IN HER
EYES.

YOU WERE
THERE, PETER--
IN EVERY
WAY THAT
TRULY
MATTERED.



THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTINUE
THIS FIGHT, NIGHT.

I HAVE EVERY INTENTION
OF HONORING MY WORD TO
EXODUS...

...AND WILL
RETURN
WITH YOU TO
AVALON.

BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS--
I AM DOING SO BECAUSE I
GENUINELY BELIEVE MY PRESENCE
MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

... THAT I CAN CONVINCE
YOU THAT THE MAN WHO WAS
MAGNETO STOOD FOR MUCH MORE
THAN BLOOD AND VIOLENCE
AND DEATH.

THAT THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN HIS GOAL AND
THAT OF XAVIER'S IS NEARLY
IDENTICAL IN INTENT--

-- IF NOT IN
EXECUTION.



ON BEHALF
OF ALL OF US,
RASPUTIN --

--WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WHATEVER LIGHT YOU CAN
SHINE UPON OUR LORD
SAVIOR.

GOODBYE,
GODSPOTIN
XAVIER.

FOR
ALTHOUGH I DON'T
BLAME
YOU FOR MY
SISTER'S
DEATH--
--I DO NOT
FEEL YOU, OR ANY
OF US WHO
PURSUE
YOUR DREAM--

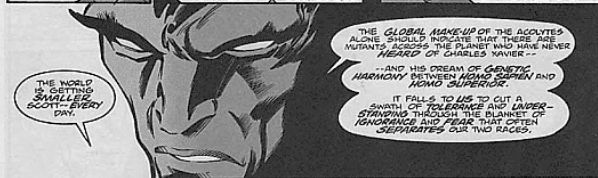
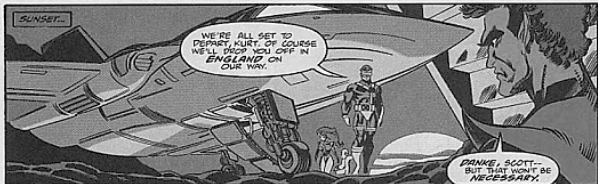
--HAVE DONE ALL
WE CAN TO HELP
OUR KIND.

-- AND I CAN
NEVER RETURN
TO MY BELIEF
IN "NOTHING."

WHEN YOU
FOUNDED ME, I
WAS AN ATHEIST--
RAISED TO SERVE
THE STATE.
FOR BETTER OR FOR
WORSE YOU MADE ME
BELIEVE IN
SOMETHING --

FOR THAT
AT LEAST, I
WILL ALWAYS
BE GRATEFUL.





WHAT HE'S TRYING
TO SAY IS, WE BELIEVE
THAT NOW--

--MORE THAN
EVER--

--THE WORLD
NEEDS THE NEW
EXCALIBUR!

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LOST!**

IF N YE
HAD HALF
A BRAIN--

ENOUGH!

TURNK!
YOUR
TAIL--?!

--YE'D
JOIN US
INSTEAD OF
FIGHTIN'
US!

EVEN
YOUR
BUDDY
COLOSSUS
HAD ENOUGH
SENSE
TO--

DESPITE
THE STRAIN
OF THE PAST
SEVERAL
MONTHS--

--PETER
RASPUTIN HAS
NO TASTE FOR
BLOOD, HUMAN
OR OTHER-
WISE!

ACTUALLY...

... I AM
TIRED OF
PUTTING
UP...

...WITH
HOMICIDAL
ZEALOTS LIKE
YOU!

NOW, YOU
ANSWER
ME THIS--

--ARE YOU WILLING TO MARTYR YOURSELF FOR MAGNETO'S CAUSE?!

ARE YOU
PREPARED TO
DIE AT THE HANDS
OF YOUR
ENEMY?!

TRUTH
TO TELL,
LAD...

[illegible]

WHOULMPH!

PUH-LEAZE,
KURT-- ARE YE
TRYIN' TO TELL
ME YE NEVER
HAD THE URGE--

--T' STOP
MOPPLE-GODDLING
EVERY JOE WHAT
ANNOYS YE?

KRAK!

ONCE HE SEES
CLEARLY, THAT
THE ACOLYTES
ARE NOTHING MORE
THAN GENETIC
TERRORISTS--

--HE WILL
RETURN
TO THE
X-MEN!*

* IT ALL HAPPENED
IN UNCANNY
X-MEN'S SCHL-SIZE

NEIN!

VAS--?/
WHAT
AM I
DOING?

IT IS
AS IF I
CANNOT
CONTROL
MYSELF!

...NUTHIN'
WOULD MAKE
ME HAPPIER!

YE' SEE, JUST
BECAUSE I
KILLED THOSE
HUMANS--

--DOESNT
MEAN I PINNAE
UNDERSTAND IT
WAS WRONG!

ANYMORE
THAN IT IS WRONG...
TO MURDER A
MURDERER,
NO?

THUD!

THE LAB...

FUNNY.

FOR YEARS,
I HAD THIS WHOLE
"REUNION FANTASY"
ALL PLANNED
OUT.

ONE-PART,
FOURTEEN
YEAR OLD
SCHOOL GIRL
CRUSH--

--TWO-PARTS,
WOMAN WITH AN
AGENDA.

SO MUCH
FOR THE
POWER OF
POSITIVE
THINKING

WHILE I DO NOT
WISH TO CUT YOU SHORT,
KITTY-- I DO NOT DOUBT
FOR A MOMENT, THAT
PETER'S NEWFOUND ALLIES
WILL BE SEARCHING
FOR HIM SOON.

WITH YOU
PHRASING HIS OMNIM
ARMOR TO THE POINT
IT IS MALLEABLE
WITHOUT BEING IN-
TANGIBLE--

AN ISLAND
MEDICAL RE-
SEARCH CENTER,
PERHAPS IN
NEED--

--OF PEOPLE
DETERMINED TO
SEE IT SURVIVE
ANY EXTERNA
THREAT TO ITS
CONTINUED
EXISTENCE?

BEGIN,
CYCLOPS.
OPTIC
BLASTS TO
933 %.

"AND PRAY
THAT ALL THIS
GUESS WORK
PAYS OFF."

CHANNEL
THE REPULSOR
SCALPEL TO THE
PREARRANGED
COORDINATES--



READY
WHEN YOU
ARE, SIR.

THEN
LET US
BEGIN.

... I'M CONFIDENT
CYCLOPS' OPTIC BLAST
WILL SERVE AS THE
"REPULSION SCALFEL"
NEEDED TO CORRECT
COLOSSUS' CONDITION.

--IN TANDEM
WITH MINE AND
JEAN'S PSIONIC
MONITORING OF
HIS BIO-GENETIC
PROCESSES...

THIS, THEN
IS THE ENTIRE
PURPOSE OF
MUIR ISLE--

--A FACILITY
DEDICATED TO
ADDRESSING THE
PROBLEMS UNIQUE
TO AN ENTIRE
RACE.



WHA--?!

THE MONITOR
WE JURY-
RIGGED TO
REGISTER VOIGHT'S
POWER...

...HAS
JUST BEEN
TRIGGERED!



CONTINUE
YOUR RESPECTIVE
ERRANDS OF
MERCY--

--I WILL
ATTEND TO
OUR
VISITOR!

"VISITORS!"
KURT-- THERE'S
APPARENTLY
MORE THAN
ONE!

BUT HER
WORDS
ARE LOST...

"—your teammate may not be as fortunate."

♪ ♪ ♪

THAT DARN
PAPER
BOY

! GASP!

—ACOLYTES!
WHATEVER IS A
DEFENSELESS, FUZZY
ELF LIKE *MOI*
TO DO?

SARCASM,
NIGHTCRAWLER?

SOMEHOW
I EXPECTED THE
LEADER OF EXCALIBUR
TO BE A BIT MORE
MATURE... OBSESSED
WITH THE DESIRE TO
PROVE
HIMSELF.

IT IS NEARLY
SIX, AND
STILL NO PAPER!



I AM VOHT--
AN ANCESTOR OF
SORTS, TO ALL WHO
CALL THEMSELVES
XAVIER'S CHILDREN!

KATLI IS INUIN,
AS WELL AS BEING A
LIVING COUIT FOR
INTERATMOSPHERIC
ANOMOLIES.

WHILE ANUSCIONE
CAN PROTECT
PSIONIC EXO-SKIN.



YOU ARE THINKING
OF X-FACTOR.

BUT YOU ARE THE
LAST PEOPLE TO GO
CASTING STONES IN THE
GLASS HOUSE OF
INTERCHANGEABLE
PERSONALITIES.

I HAVE STUDIED
THE FILES ON THE ACOLYTES--
AND I STILL HAVE TROUBLE
TELLING YOU PEOPLE
APART.

DANKE.

"THANK
YOU" FOR
WHAT?

I ALWAYS
FIND THESE
THINGS GO
MUCH
BETTER...

... WHEN I KNOW
EXACTLY WHO IT IS I
AM BEATING INTO
SUBMISSION.

NOW
THEN--
--WHO IS
FIRST?